STOCKTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health, incorporating the Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector, for the year ended 31st December, 1973.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for 1973.

1. INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	Cases Notified
Tuberculosis	4
Scarlatina	2
Measles	2
Viral Meningitis	1

Age Group of Attacks

	under 1	1-2	2-3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	over 45
Tuberculosis								2		2
Scarlatina					2					
Measles					2					
Viral Meningitis					1					

2. CAUSES OF DEATHS

	M	F
Carcinoma of Prostate	1	-
Carcinoma of Lung	3	1
Carcinoma of Kidney	1	-
Carcinoma of Breast	-	1
Carcinoma of Ovary	-	1
Carcinoma of Stomach	3	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms	1	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	21	14
Hypertensive Heart Disease	2	1
Other forms of Heart Disease	1	6
Diseases of Arteries	3	3
Venous Thrombosis	1	-
Pneumonia	2	5
Bronchitis	1	2
Cerebrovascular Disease	15	9
Peptic Ulcer	2	3
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1	-
Congenital Anomalies	1	-
Other causes of Perinatal Mortality	-	1
All other Diseases	1	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	1
All other Accidents	1	1
Suicide	1	-
	62	50

3. VACCINATIONS HAVE BEEN AS FOLLOWS

	Totals	
	Completed Primary Courses	Reinforcing Doses
Triple D.T.P.	142	7
Diphtheria/Tetanus	2	131
Diphtheria	-	-
Tetanus	-	2
Sabin (Oral)	146	140
Measles	162	-
Rubella	73	-
Smallpox	8	9

4. WATER SUPPLY

The supply by the Tees Valley and Cleveland Water Board and the Hartlepools Water Company has been of satisfactory quality throughout the year and no adverse results were reported.

5. SLAUGHTER HOUSES ACT, 1958

There are two private slaughter houses in the Rural District and both comply with the requirements of the Act and allied Regulations. Hygienic standards are high and the maintenance and structure of equipment is satisfactory.

(i) Meat Inspection

Carcases Inspected and Condemned	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	231	1	813	31
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	23	-	10	-
Cysticerci				
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	1	-
Carcases submitted to refrigeration	-	-	-	-

(ii) Condemned Meat

Slaughterhouses	(a) carcase meat	66lbs
	(b) offal	217lbs
Canned meats		424lbs
Frozen foods due to cabinet breakdown		48lbs

6. OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following table summarises the registration and inspection of premises under the provisions of the above Act:

Class of Premises	No. registered during year	Total no. registered	No. receiving General Insp.
Offices	1	9	-
Retail Shops	-	23	12
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	2	-
Catering establishments and canteens	-	11	-
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-
Totals	1	45	12

Total number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises under the Act = 15.

One accident was reported to the Local Authority and upon examination no action or investigation was considered necessary.

7. CLEAN AIR ACTS 1956 AND 1968

There has been one application for chimney height approval during the year, and the suggested height was deemed to be satisfactory.

There have been no applications for the prior approval of boiler plant.

Deposit Gauge and Lead Peroxide Apparatus
Undissolved Deposits - Tons per Sq. Mile

					Ferric Oxide			
Date	Egg.	Still.	Prest.	Great.	Egg.	Still.	Prest.	Great.
January	2.05	2.35	4.71	2.91	0.33	0.72	0.53	0.33
February	0.94	2.40	1.74	0.37	0.13	0.23	0.43	0.10
March	2.17	4.45	1.57	3.91	0.20	0.77	0.22	1.30
April	5.14	3.77	0.32	3.54	0.77	0.84	0.10	0.94
May	4.25	1.37	6.28	4.58	0.90	0.23	1.70	1.40
June	3.84	0.67	2.07	3.87	0.43	0.20	0.43	0.70
July	2.87	3.12	2.34	1.94	0.48	1.00	0.40	0.43
August	2.14	3.17	4.11	1.47	0.37	0.65	0.57	0.38
September	1.56	4.14	1.60	5.24	0.37	0.47	0.23	1.34
October	2.44	0.23	1.57	0.97	0.62	0.07	0.37	0.33
November	4.25	0.85	1.24	2.17	0.65	0.33	0.60	0.33
December	1.60	0.60	2.67	1.89	0.23	0.17	0.43	0.40

Any deposit gauge showing a reading of more than five tons of undissolved matter was chemically tested and in all cases the excess was found to be not of industrial origin.

Late in the year an additional gauge was sited at the Royal Hotel, Stillington and all results have been satisfactory.

8. HOUSING

(a) Qualification Certificates

During the year there were five applications for qualification certificates, four of which were for Certificates of Provisional Approval. Subsequently three Certificates of Provisional Approval and six Qualification Certificates were granted.

(b) Standard Grants

Five standard grants were approved to a total grant of £1596-45.

(c) Improvement Grants

The total number of houses approved for improvement grant was 151, 100% up on the previous year and the grants totalled £139,001-27. Four applications for grant were rejected by the Local Authority during the year.

(d) Demolition Orders

Eleven demolition orders were made during the year and four properties, the subject of Orders in previous years were subsequently demolished.

In addition, four properties the subject of "Time and Place" notices were made fit during the year.

(e) Informal Demolition

Two houses were demolished informally by their owners during the course of the year.

(f) Closing Orders

No Closing Orders were made during the year.

(g) Slum Clearance

In the light of several objections from the owners of properties in the Morrison Street/Lowson Street, Stillington Clearance Area a Public Local Inquiry was held in February. Confirmation of the Order was subsequently received, with modifications.

9. CIVIC AMENITIES ACT

The Council continued to provide a free service for the removal of bulky items of household refuse and the Preston-on-Tees tip for the disposal of other matter by the public themselves, but towards the end of the year the free service had to be curtailed as a result of the "fuel crisis".

Four abandoned and unwanted vehicles were removed and disposed of under the provisions of the Act.

10. RODENT CONTROL

During the year there were 142 complaints of rats and 36 of mice, treatments being carried out where appropriate.

11. ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

There were four applications for the renewal of licences and upon inspection the premises were again found to be satisfactory. Licences were granted, subject to the usual conditions.

12. SEWAGE DISPOSAL

There were nine sewage works in operation throughout the district serving the villages of Hart, Elwick, Dalton Piercy, Greatham, Thorpe Thewles, Whitton, Stillington, Carlton/Redmarshall and Long Newton.

A small sewerage scheme serving the village of Aislaby was completed during the year, a Gibson-Ingoll tank being used to treat the effluent. This installation has worked without problem.

This now means that only Elton village is without a main sewerage system; premises in Elton having to rely on septic tank installations.

The sewage from Newton Bewley continues to be discharged to Teesside County Borough's system by means of a rising main.

The labour force consisted of two men operating a Land Rover and trailer pump.

13. REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

There have been minor problems during 1973, but the service has, on a whole, been satisfactorily maintained by two refuse teams on the two new wagons and two men on the old wagon, which emptied bins at farms, along back streets and elsewhere which would have proved inaccessible to the larger wagons.

The two main teams consist of five men including a driver, and all three teams had a working stint for the whole week which allowed each premises to be served once a week.

A second, larger vehicle was received in September and did much to make the service more efficient by cutting out many of the trips to and from the tip which waste a good deal of time.

14. I wish to thank the staff and other officials, both in the Rural District and the County, for their assistance.

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